
Organized Collection

Opportunities for Outreach and Public Input

On February 2, 2015, the City Council formed an Organized Collection Options Committee (OCOC). The legal requirements for the OCOC are based on the Organized Collection Statute, Minnesota Statute 115A.94, (“the Statute”).

The City intends to provide ample opportunity for residents, haulers and other interested parties to comment on the proceedings and recommendations of the OCOC. The following communication tools will be used moving forward:

1. Throughout the process, City staff, OCOC members and other members of the City Council can be contacted to receive public comments. The primary contact for questions and comments is Jim Gates, Deputy Director of Public Works, 952-563-8730; OrganizedCollection@BloomingtonMN.gov; or 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027.
2. The City will publish a schedule of OCOC meetings. Meeting notices will be posted in public spaces in City Hall and at the Department of Public Works.
3. The City will post the agenda of each OCOC meeting on the [City’s “Organized Collection” web page](#) in advance of each meeting. This Organized Collection web page will be the primary means for the City to publish the latest OCOC documents.
4. The City will post summary minutes of each OCOC meeting after approval by the OCOC.
5. The City will use automatic email notifications to anyone signed up on the City’s E-Subscribe list to inform interested parties. See the [City’s E-Subscribe sign up page](#) to register for the “Organized Collection” notices (under the category of “Sustainability”) and for more information on other Bloomington E-Subscribe lists.
6. The City will post the draft interim OCOC report as soon as possible on the City’s web page and provide for electronic means of public comment.
7. The OCOC will host a public open house on Thursday, April 9 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Meeting room to be determined.)
8. The City Council may set a formal public hearing depending on if the OCOC recommends some form of organized collection. The exact date and time has not yet been finalized, but Monday, July 6 has been recommended for OCOC consideration.

The above opportunities provide for ongoing and convenient methods of public input throughout the OCOC process. The consensus of the OCOC at its first meeting held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 was that a scheduled public comment period will not take place at the OCOC meetings in order to allow more time for focused discussion by the OCOC members. In this way, the OCOC will operate similar to City Council study work sessions.